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## Identical letters dated 5 April 2002 from the Permanent Observer of Palestine to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General and the President of the Security Council

Israel, the occupying Power, continues to pursue its bloody military campaign against the Palestinian people and their leadership in complete violation of international law and international humanitarian law and in complete defiance of the will of the international community. Mr. Sharon and his Government continue to ignore Security Council resolutions and to avoid their implementation, refusing to comply with the demands made in resolution 1402 (2002) for the withdrawal of Israeli occupying forces from Palestinian cities and an immediate cessation of all acts of violence. Once again, the Security Council convened yesterday and adopted resolution 1403 (2002), demanding the implementation of resolution 1402 (2002) without delay, and yet the Israeli occupying forces continue to wage their military campaign throughout the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including Jerusalem. The Israeli military attacks also continue in spite of the requests made by United States President George W. Bush in his statement yesterday.

The Israeli occupying forces continue to occupy Palestinian cities, towns, villages and refugee camps, killing and wounding Palestinians, destroying homes and properties and terrorizing the entire Palestinian population. Yesterday, occupying forces reoccupied the city of Al-Khalil and today seized the town of Tubas and began launching attacks and raids on the population there. In addition, the occupying forces continued to launch assaults in Nablus and Jenin and the surrounding refugee camps, as well as continuing the siege and attacks in Ramallah, Qalqilya, Tulkarem and Bethlehem. The toll of death and destruction in these cities steeply climbs with each passing day of the Israeli military campaign.

The Israeli siege of the Church of the Nativity continues in the occupied city of Bethlehem, which remains a closed military zone. Dozens of Israeli tanks and occupying soldiers remain surrounding the Church and Manger Square. The lives of the Palestinians who fled to the Church in search of safe haven from the Israeli

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onslaught are clearly in danger, as is the sanctity of the Church while the occupying forces continue their siege.

The international community must ensure the implementation of Security Council resolutions 1403 (2002), 1402 (2002) and 1397 (2002) to bring a halt to this most recent aggression by Israel, the occupying Power, in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including Jerusalem. The international community is morally and legally duty-bound to take the necessary measures to bring an end to the Israeli human rights violations, war crimes and State terrorism against the Palestinian people and the Palestinian Authority.

In follow-up to my previous 113 letters to you regarding the crisis in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including Jerusalem, dated from 29 September 2000 to 4 April 2002 (A/55/432-S/2000/921; A/55/437-S/2000/930; A/55/450-S/2000/957; A/55/466-S/2000/971; A/55/474-S/2000/984; A/55/490-S/2000/993; A/ES-10/39-S/2000/1015; A/ES-10/40-S/2000/1025; A/ES-10/42-S/2000/1068; A/ES-10/43-S/2000/1078; A/ES-10/44-S/2000/1093; A/ES-10/45-S/2000/1104; A/ES-10/46-S/2000/1107; A/ES-10/47-S/2000/1116; A/ES-10/48-S/2000/1129; A/ES-10/49-S/2000/1154; A/ES-10/50-S/2000/1173; A/ES-10/51-S/2000/1185; A/ES-10/52-S/2000/1206; A/ES-10/53-S/2000/1247; A/ES-10/54-S/2001/7; A/ES-10/55-S/2001/33; A/ES-10/56-S/2001/50; A/ES-10/57-S/2001/101; A/ES-10/58-S/2001/131; A/ES-10/59-S/2001/156; A/ES-10/60-S/2001/175; A/ES-10/61-S/2001/189; A/ES-10/64-S/2001/209; A/ES-10/65-S/2001/226; A/ES-10/66-S/2001/239; A/ES-10/67-S/2001/255; A/ES-10/68-S/2001/284; A/ES-10/69-S/2001/295; A/ES-10/70-S/2001/304; A/ES-10/71-S/2001/314; A/ES-10/72-S/2001/332; A/ES-10/75-S/2001/352; A/ES-10/76-S/2001/372; A/ES-10/79-S/2001/418; A/ES-10/80-S/2001/432; A/ES-10/81-S/2001/447; A/ES-10/82-S/2001/463; A/ES-10/83-S/2001/471; A/ES-10/84-S/2001/479; A/ES-10/85-S/2001/486; A/ES-10/86-S/2001/496; A/ES-10/87-S/2001/504; A/ES-10/88-S/2001/508; A/ES-10/89-S/2001/544; A/ES-10/90-S/2001/586; A/ES-10/91-S/2001/605; A/ES-10/92-S/2001/629; A/ES-10/93-S/2001/657; A/ES-10/94-S/2001/669; A/ES-10/95-S/2001/686; A/ES-10/96-S/2001/697; A/ES-10/97-S/2001/708; A/ES-10/98-S/2001/717; A/ES-10/99-S/2001/742; A/ES-10/100-S/2001/754; A/ES-10/101-S/2001/783; A/ES-10/102-S/2001/785; A/ES-10/103-S/2001/798; A/ES-10/104-S/2001/812; A/ES-10/105-S/2001/814; A/ES-10/107-S/2001/821; A/ES-10/108-S/2001/826; A/ES-10/111-S/2001/880; A/ES-10/112-S/2001/918; A/ES-10/114-S/2001/928; A/ES-10/115-S/2001/932; A/ES-10/116-S/2001/941; A/ES-10/117-S/2001/971; A/ES-10/118-S/2001/989; A/ES-10/119-S/2001/991; A/ES-10/121-S/2001/1007; A/ES-10/122-S/2001/1024; A/ES-10/123-S/2001/1036; A/ES-10/124-S/2001/1084; A/ES-10/125-S/2001/1092; A/ES-10/126-S/2001/1118; A/ES-10/128-S/2001/1149; A/ES-10/129-S/2001/1166; A/ES-10/133-S/2001/1239; A/ES-10/134-S/2001/1261; A/ES-10/136-S/2002/18; A/ES-10/137-S/2002/39; A/ES-10/138-S/2002/48; A/ES-10/139-S/2002/58; A/ES-10/140-S/2002/89; A/ES-10/141-S/2002/95; A/ES-10/142-S/2002/102; A/ES-10/143-S/2002/121; A/ES-10/144-S/2002/142; A/ES-10/145-S/2002/146; A/ES-10/146-S/2002/165; A/ES-10/147-S/2002/175; A/ES-10/148-S/2002/182; A/ES-10/149-S/2002/186; A/ES-10/150-S/2002/214; A/ES-10/151-S/2002/223; A/ES-10/152-S/2002/232; A/ES-10/154-S/2002/242; A/ES-10/155-S/2002/248; A/ES-10/156-S/2002/249; A/ES-10/157-S/2002/253, A/ES-10/158-S/2002/258; A/ES-10/159-S/2002/281; A/ES-10/160-S/2002/307; A/ES-10/161-S/2002/319; A/ES-10/162-S/2002/330; A/ES-10/163-S/2002/340; and A/ES-10/164-S/2002/353), it is my

regret to inform you that, since my letter to you yesterday, at least 8 Palestinians have been killed by the Israeli occupying forces, raising the total number of Palestinian martyrs to 1,236 people. These figures do not include today's fatalities. Once again, due to the extremely difficult circumstances in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, we have been unable to compile a complete and accurate list of all of the Palestinian martyrs that have been killed by the Israeli occupying forces. The annex to the present letter contains the names of the martyrs that have thus far been identified, and the names of the other Palestinians that have been killed by the occupying forces will be conveyed once they are identified.

I would be grateful if you would arrange to have the text of the present letter and its annex distributed as a document of the tenth emergency special session of the General Assembly, under agenda item 5, and of the Security Council.

(*Signed*) Dr. Nasser **Al-Kidwa**
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## Annex to the identical letters dated 5 April 2002 from the Permanent Observer of Palestine to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General and the President of the Security Council

## Names of martyrs killed by Israeli occupying forces in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including Jerusalem[a] (Thursday, 4 April 2002)

**Thursday, 4 April 2002**

1. Sadaqa 'Okasheh
2. Samir Ibrahim Salman
3. Rabe'a Ahmed Jalamneh
4. Abdallah Khidr Abu Obeid
5. Ahmed Hassan Abu Al-Heija
6. Nidal Abu Al-Heija
7. Mahmoud Rawhi Al-Akkah
8. Mohammed Ibrahim Abu Hattab

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[a] The total number of Palestinian martyrs killed by Israeli occupying forces since 28 September 2000 is 1,236.

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## Note verbale dated 2 April 2002 from the Permanent Mission of Costa Rica to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

The Permanent Mission of Costa Rica to the United Nations, in its capacity as pro tempore secretariat of the Rio Group for 2002, presents its compliments to the Secretary-General of the United Nations and has the honour to transmit herewith the press communiqué adopted by the Rio Group on 2 April 2002 concerning Security Council resolution 1402 (2002) (see annex).

The Permanent Mission would be grateful if you could have this document circulated as a document of the General Assembly, under agenda item 42 entitled "The Situation in the Middle East", and of the Security Council.

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## Annex to the note verbale dated 2 April 2002 from the Permanent Mission of Costa Rica to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

## Press communiqué adopted by the Rio Group concerning Security Council resolution 1402 (2002)

In view of the recent events which have shocked the international community, the Rio Group reiterates its grave concern at the deteriorating situation in the Middle East and its interest in the achievement of peace between the Palestinian and Israeli peoples. The Rio Group also:

Expresses its firm support for resolution 1402 (2002) of the United Nations Security Council, which calls upon the parties to move immediately to a meaningful ceasefire, calls for the withdrawal of Israeli troops from Palestinian cities, including Ramallah, and reiterates the demand contained in resolution 1397 (2002) for an immediate cessation of all acts of terror, provocation, incitement and destruction, which have caused loss of human life and inflicted suffering upon the civilian population;

Expresses its support for the efforts made by the special envoys and by the Secretary-General of the United Nations to put an end to the violence and make possible the resumption of the peace process; and

Urges the parties to the conflict to make every political effort to resume negotiations as soon as possible to resolve the conflict and lay the bases for a lasting peace in the Middle East.